

CAP. X.

An Act to amend the law respecting the Constitution of the Superior Court.

[Assented to 13th December, 1869.]

WHEREAS, in virtue of the act chapter seventy-eight of the consolidated statutes for Lower Canada, the Superior Court for Lower Canada is now composed of eighteen judges, to wit: one chief justice and seventeen puisne judges; and whereas, it is expedient to amend the said act, in so far as respects the number of the judges constituting the said court;

Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislature of Quebec, enacts as follows:

1. Notwithstanding anything contained in section one of chapter seventy-eight of the consolidated statutes for Lower Canada, the Superior Court thereby constituted shall consist of nineteen judges, namely, one chief justice and eighteen puisne judges. Sec. 1, of ch. 78, C. S. L. C. amended.

2. The additional judge to be appointed to complete the said number of nineteen, shall have the same powers and jurisdiction, and be subject to the same provisions of law as any other judge of the said court acting under like circumstances. Additional judge to have same powers and duties as others.

3. The ninth section of the seventy-eighth chapter of the said consolidated statutes is hereby amended by substituting the word "five" for the word "four," at the beginning of the said section. Sec. 9 of ch. 78, C. S. L. C. amended.

4. This act shall be construed as forming part of the act of this province, thirty-second Victoria, chapter twenty, and as intended to complete the provisions thereof. This act to be construed with 32 Vic., c. 20.

CAP. XI.

An Act to amend the Act respecting District Magistrates in this Province.

[Assented to 1st February, 1870.]

HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislature of Quebec, enacts as follows:

1. The sixth section of the act thirty-second Victoria, chapter twenty-three, is hereby amended by striking out all the words therein after the word "consist," and sub- Sec. 6 of 32 Vic., c. 23, amended.

stituting instead thereof the following: "of such fees as shall be determined by the lieutenant-governor in council."

Sec. 9, 11, 12,
of said act re-
pealed.

2. Sections nine, eleven and twelve of the said act are repealed.

Sec. 10 of said
act amended.

3. Section ten of the said act is amended by inserting after the word "orders," the words "in so far as the said acts have not been repealed by the parliament of Canada," and by adding to the said section, the following: "and the acts of the parliament of Canada, thirty-second and thirty-third Victoria, chapters thirty and thirty-one, shall likewise apply to all proceedings had before the district magistrate."

Sec. 29 of said
act amended.

4. Section twenty-nine of the said act is hereby amended by inserting after the word "suits," the words "in civil matters," and adding thereto the words: "except in cases where a right to such appeal exists in virtue of any act of the parliament of Canada."

Said act shall
be deemed
complemental
to like pro-
visions of
parliament of
Canada.

5. The following section shall be added to the said act:
"32. This act shall be construed as intended to apply to such matters only as are within the exclusive control of the legislature of this province, and shall be held to be complementary to any like provisions enacted by the parliament of Canada as regards matters within the exclusive control of that parliament."

CAP. XII.

An Act to provide for the appointment of Justices of the Peace with more extensive jurisdiction.

[Assented to 1st February, 1870.]

HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislature of Quebec, enacts as follows:

Lient.-Gov.
may appoint
justices of the
peace with ex-
tended juris-
diction.

1. The lieutenant-governor in council may, by special commission, appoint one or more competent persons as justices of the peace, whose jurisdiction shall extend over the whole province, or over such districts as may be named in such commission; and it shall not be necessary that such justices of the peace, reside or possess real estate in this province.

Powers of such
justices.

2. Every justice of the peace appointed under this act shall be invested with all the rights and powers of one or of two justices of the peace, and shall be subject to the laws respecting the duties of justices of the peace, in so far as they are applicable to him.

